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DERIAN CONSULTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

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1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN CONSULTED WITH THE BELGIAN
EC PRESIDENCY ON HUMAN RIGHTS DECEMBER 8 AS PART OF THE
U.S.-EC PRESIDENCY DIALOGUE. THE CONSULTATION WAS
FOLLOWED BY A WORKING LUNCH GIVEN BY THE AMBASSADOR,
WHICH SENIOR BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS ATTENDED
IN BOTH THEIR BILATERAL AND EC PRESIDENCY CAPACITIES.
THE HUMAN RIGHTS CONSULTATION WAS DIVIDED ALMOST

EQUALLY BETWEEN CSCE RELATED ISSUES - SUCH AS POST-BELGRADE FOLLOW-UP AND THE SHCHARANSKY CASE - AND A GENERAL TOUR D'HORIZON OF WORLDWIDE AREAS OF HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERN. INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES MENTIONED BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN AND BELGIAN PRESIDENCY OFFICERS DURING THE COURSE OF THEIR CONSULTATION INCLUDED IRAN, SOUTH KOREA, PHILLIPPINES, CHINA (PRC), CAMBODIA, EL SALVADOR, ARGENTINA, CHILE, CUBA, URUGUAY, BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, UGANDA, AND SOUTH AFRICA. BELGIAN EC PRESIDENCY AFRICA EXPERT GAVE ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN A BRIEF RUN-DOWN ON THE CONCEPT AND CURRENT STATUS OF THE NINE'S CODE OF CONDUCT FOR FIRMS DOING BUSINESS IN SOUTH AFRICA, STRESSING BOTH THE VOLUNTARY "MORAL SUASION" BASIS OF THE CODE AND ITS COMPLIANCE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN CLOSED CONSULTATION WITH AN APPEAL FOR CONTINUED EUROPEAN ASSISTANCE FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES.

2. BELGIAN EC PRESIDENCY OFFICER LATER REITERATED APPRECIATION FOR TIMELY AND USEFUL CONSULTATION AS PART OF U.S.-EC DIALOGUE AND TOLD US THAT THE BELGIAN PRESIDENCY WOULD BE BRIEFING THE REST OF THE NINE. CHAMBERS

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